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Via Email

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RE: Public Information Request for information related to search warrants (PIR # 19-4761)

Ms. Parsons Labs:

The Department received your above-referenced request on November 1, 2019 and sought clarification of your request on November 14, 2019. You responded on November 18, 2019 requesting a cost estimate and further information on how the request could be narrowed.

As an example, I will provide you with some rough numbers with respect to search warrants issued by the Department's Texas Ranger Division. The current database used by the division contains records from 2016 to present. There were 446 files containing search warrants in 2016 and 772 files containing search warrants in 2017. Of those files, a search of the database would only provide three or four of the fields you are seeking. To provide all of the information, each warrant would have to be reviewed. For 2012 through 2015, the division can only provide the number of search warrants issued in those years with no data fields. Those yearly numbers range between 597 and 1021. I am still waiting for information from the Department's Criminal Investigation Division regarding numbers so at this time, it is difficult to provide an accurate cost estimate. That division used a different database prior to 2016 so I do not know the degree to which it can be searched.

As I am sure you know, each law enforcement agency maintains their records in different formats on different computer databases that have different fields available. If you have additional questions regarding narrowing your search, please let me know. The Department wants to work with requestors to provide any available data requested in the most efficient manner possible.

Thank you.

Cordially,

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